

to one of the most vexing problems facing our society. They will have the continued support of this administration in this endeavor."

One of the major recommendations to be presented to the Governor and the General Assembly for the 1968 session will be a comprehensive prevention program through education, including revision of higher education curricula to include a course on teaching primary and secondary school children the hazards of experimentation or use of narcotics and drugs.

Governor Agnew earlier this year advocated institution of such programs in the schools in a speech before the Maryland Boards of Education.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT DENVER METROPOLITAN SYMPOSIUM, DENVER, COLORADO

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May I preface my remarks by saying that I regard your invitation a singular honor and a tremendous pleasure. Denver — despite the topic of this symposium — is one of America's most beautiful, invigorating cities. Denver is also one of the few cities in America that can boast character as well as incomparable scenic magnificence.

Denver's character has been forged out of adversity, spontaneous pioneer vigor, the vision and passionate commitment of its civic leaders to culture and beauty. Your interest and involvement in creating a vibrant, viable community follows in the finest tradition of Denver's turn-of-the-century leaders, men like Henry Brown, John Rush and Robert Speer. Their vision offers you inspiration, their tangible success proves that you, too, can triumph.

Denver is a relatively new city vis-a-vis Baltimore, and has benefited from a greater degree of planning, from the tremendous talents of men like Henry Barnes, from having only a minimum of the pernicious social and environmental problems and pressures which corrode our community life. While your metropolitan area may not be the model you seek, it is far from the muddle you fear.

This is not to say you are perfect. You are to be commended for your determination to correct present flaws and confront present challenges — NOW! Your commitment to prevent crisis through positive action today will spare Denver the anguish and expense of remedial reaction to crisis tomorrow.